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**THE MISCHIEF OF IRRESPONSIBILITY.**

If anything can show more strongly than another the ruinous consequences of an irresponsible Government, it is the present deplorable condition of the trail between the head of Shuswap Lake and the Columbia river. For the best portion of a year, the mercantile classes of both colonies have been calling on the British Columbian Government to complete this part of the route—the welfare of British Columbia demanded it—and yet here we are treading on the month of June, and the trail is still unfinished. When we look at the great interest at stake in this matter—when we think that many persons have been brought to the verge of ruin by the Government's neglect—it seems incredible how any men pretending to govern a country could have so violated ordinary prudence or sagacity. Both colonies went into an expensive scheme of steam subsidies for the purpose of affording facilities to the California miners to reach Big Bend by the nearest and cheapest route—the British Columbian Government built an expensive wagon road to make the connection complete between the head of navigation on the Fraser and the commencement of navigation on the lakes—the Hudson's Bay Company were induced by all these elaborate preparations, to build a steamer to navigate these lakes—and the merchants and miners were led to bring their supplies up as early as possible to Seymour. After all this immense labor and expense what is now the result? Why that the trail across the divide is next to impassable, and that the whole route is, for the time being perfectly useless. Can anything be a sadder commentary on the action or rather inaction of the Government than the fact that Indians are getting fifty cents a pound for packing over this short piece of the Big Bend route? The consequence of this disgraceful mismanagement is, that while goods are being sacrificed at Seymour they can scarcely be had on French creek—although there is little more than fifty miles between the two places, and but thirty of these over the mountain range. Had a proper trail been cut at the time it ought to have been cut, not a miner would have been obliged to leave Big Bend, and the enterprising men who forwarded or took their goods up at an early period to Seymour would have reaped a profitable harvest. As it is, although the most cheering news is being received from the gold mines, but few can take advantage of it, and the men who are at work in the diggings are obliged to depend principally for their supplies on the tedious and desperate route by way of American territory. No wonder the "Britisher" has been beaten in his own territory—that his energetic Republican rival has been the first to establish stores at which the miners can be supplied. How could any race of people become enterprising or energetic under such a dead-weight of uselessness as that which has been foisted on these young colonies. There is nothing in the Englishman's character to make him an inferior in the race of progress, and yet when he comes in contact with the Americans in any of the irresponsible colonies of Great Britain he gets beaten. His mind seems to lose its vigor, and he gives up the contest. Could we by any stretch of the imagination fancy any of our firms competing with the neighboring territories of the United States, and, although having ten times the difficulties to overcome, bringing steamers up their rivers, supplying their inhabitants, and erecting the first stores in the heart of their mineral regions? And yet this is just what our neighbors have done with us, and done without boasting and without any aid from their own Government. Here the people are called upon to pay for roads and to pay for officials numerous enough almost, by standing in a line, to fence them in; and at the very moment when well-directed exertion is required to be made the whole scheme breaks down, like our cumbersome dredger, and the public money is shown to have been simply thrown away. But this is not the worst—the people are rendered completely helpless. The Government of the country may from beginning to end be one continued series of silly blunders, but the public are required to stand aloof and quietly put up with the mischief. How in the nature of things could we expect private enterprise to grow under such conditions? How can we be expected to compete with men who bring their Government with them as they bring their tents or their blankets—as in fact part of their equipage?—who have only to say that a thing shall be done and it is accomplished—who are not required to go down on their bended knees to sign petition after petition for the most trivial as well as the most important necessity; but who feel that the public interest is above the public official, and that the welfare of the country must be attended to at all hazards. This, and this only, is which has given the Americans their advantage over us here. In the Australasian and Eastern colonies we find no such large pre-eminence. There the Englishman—or rather the colonist—is able to meet the citizen of the United States on equal ground, and oftentimes eclipses him in energy as well as sagacity. But then the people govern—there is no night-mare of imbecility riding them to death; the individuality of the population has the widest scope. Until we have similar advantages—until both colonies are united under some system of responsible Government we shall continue to be the victims of official negligence or incompetence—we shall be blander and mismanagement after mismanagement destroying our prospects and

depopulating the country, and our only recourse will be to grumble helplessly, as the inhabitants do now, unless indeed the spirit of the people will have arisen fit for the occasion.

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VICTORIA, V. I.

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A Meeting of the Corps will be held on Thursday, at the Drill Hall, at 5 p.m., to arrange about the Drill, Drill Party, supply of ammunition, etc., etc. All members interested in the shooting are requested to attend.

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## COMMERCIAL.

### MEMORANDA.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BY COLLINS OVERLAND TELEGRAPH

### LATEST FROM BIG BEND.

### PAY ON THE BED ROCK.

SAVANNAH FERRY, May 26th, via YALE, May 28th.—Thus, Oliver has just arrived here, and reports a rich strike on French creek, about two miles up; the party had been prospecting for some time. They sunk a shaft 55 feet deep, and took out an ounce to the pound of gold from the "Bed-rock," a piece of gold weighing \$500.

From Swanson, for Valparaiso, Feb. 1, sighted a Hamburg bark; 17th, sighted land, States of Chile; 21st, mid-distance, the Welsh bark, heavy seas, striking a small whale, opened the topsail carried away; 22d, 23d, strong gales with squalls; 24th, heavy gale and very heavy squalls; 25th, ship hoisting away; 26th, gale, monsoon carried away; at 4 a.m., fearful gales, saw small bulwarks and filling decks with water; March 3d, fearful heavy gale, took in all sail, and lay to; 4th, gale, monsoon stayed; March 25th, spoke British bark Alexandra, from Callao to Antwerp; from this time until arrival on May 24th, had fine weather and smooth seas; 26th, crossed the Equator; 28th, long 23° 31' W. Crossed again west of Cape Horn on April 8th, in long. 118° 10' W.

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

May 28th.—Schooner Goldstream, Hewitt, Queen Charlotte Island.

Schooner G. G. G. San Juan.

Stern Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

Schooner Rudder, Port Angeles.

CLEARED.

May 28th.—Steamer Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

THE JAMAICA COMMISSION.—The detailed news from Jamaica for which we had to depend on Mr. Reuter's express last week, confirms in general the view then taken.

The evidence as to the flogging with cats made of "piano wire" was explicit, because not given by the victims, but by the provost marshal of the police station at Bath, Peter Bruce, who said that he used only whips for the cats at first, but that these were ob-

jected to by one of the magistrates as being too light, and that he then used piano wire. He said, however, that though the men were flogged with piano wire and whipcord, the women were flogged with whipcord only, and the evidence of the only woman who asserted that she had been flogged by the wire cats broke down. This man conducted the flogging regularly from six o'clock in the morning, he said, till dark. The evidence as to the execution of Wellington by firing at him as a mark at a distance of 400 yards, under Colonel Hobbs's orders, seems to have been explicit. It was said that this was ordered to the effect that the negroes that they had not an "Obeah man" to fear, as the negroes were not afraid of the executioner, and the same explanation was pursued with another man not accused of Obeahism, by name Graham. The charge of cruelty of the most horrible kind against Provost Marshal Ramsay seem to be pouring in on all hands. Unless he can clear himself in some unexpected way, the trial and in case of conviction, execution, of Ramsay will be demanded by public opinion. Even the Times is obliged to admit, with regard to the military repressions of the negroes, "we cannot affect to doubt that acts of despicable inhumanity have been committed by persons who surpass the English uniform."—Spectator.

A CAR FANCY.—A singular disclosure has just been made at Brighton. A Mr. Moody of that town recently lost three favorite cats, and it being known that a Miss Dear, of Rottingdean, was rather partial to those animals he suspected that she might have secured his. He procured a search warrant from the magistrates, and Sergeant Baldwin executed it, upon which he made the following report:—"I executed a search warrant in the house of Mr. R. D. Chantrell, for a cat belonging to Mr. George Moody. I could not find the cat. Mr. George Moody was with us. He owned one, which he took away by the consent of Miss Dear. In the house and premises I found 150 eggs, and about 90 dead ones—some dried up, some putrifying, and several dead dogs in the same state. There were six dead cats in Miss Dear's bedroom. There were about 15 dogs in the house and a fox. The whole place was in a filthy state, and the trash was awful."

INCORPORABLE.—George Lawson appeared by Mr. Bishop yesterday in the Police Court, to lay a complaint against Ann Porteous the unhappy woman who has figured so conspicuously in the trial in the Police Court. A few days ago, Mrs. Porteous was ordered to enter into her own recognizance to keep the peace, and within a few hours came to Lawson's establishment, and commenced making a disturbance which she repeated on Saturday evening. Mr. Bishop said Lawson had no wish to press the case against the woman, but that she had been found to be disorderly, and interfere with his business.

The Magistrate said he might order her recognizance of \$50 to be estranged, but that would only fill up her husband. After hearing the complainant, the Magistrate said he should issue a warrant.

SUPREME COURT DECORATIONS.—In addition to the tasty and handsome decorations that have given the Supreme Court quite an imposing appearance, any person on now entering the building, must be struck by the very handsome Royal Coat of Arms affixed over the Bench. These arms were designed by Mr. Richardson, artist, the gilding and painting were executed by Mr. Bell, of Yates street, both reflecting great credit on the skill of the artist. Surrounding the dais, is a gilt Crown, with the initials V. R. underneath, and the words "Justitia," "Sapientia," "Clementia," in gilt letters entwined around.

The motion was then put and carried now.

### SANITARY ACT.

A communication was received from the House of Assembly, sending up this bill with amendments.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said it was on this splitting straw and was not a matter of much importance, whether Nanaimo was a large district, and the town sprang up when the coal mine was sold to the Nansimo Company. The whole of the town did not front on the harbor of Nanaimo. It was known on the map as Colvilletown, and he preferred things being called by their proper names.

Hon. Mr. Fraser much preferred the name of Nanaimo; it was not only more euphonious, but the place was better known as Nanaimo, and was distinguished from the district by being called the town of Nanaimo.

Mr. Justice said there was no sufficient reason why it should not be called Nanaimo in the District of Nanaimo than the city of Lincoln in the shire of Lincoln. He thought Nanaimo was better known than Victoria.

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### NANAIMO INCORPORATION BILL.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said this bill had been postponed on his motion in order to enable the Select Committee to take evidence on the petitions sent in, and to present their report.

The Committee had sent in an elaborate and valuable report, with the evidence taken, and he now left bound to say that his conclusion was that there was no case for the incorporation of Nanaimo as a town.

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Collier, Grandson .... 10

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Evans, Dr. .... 5

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Lumsden, H. .... 10

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McQuade, Peter .... 6

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McVay, Edgar. .... 6

Mouatt, Capt. .... 6

Mayor of Victoria .... 5

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Reid, J. M. .... 10

Robertson, J. H. .... 10

Stevens, Capt. .... 6

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Wheeler, John. .... 5

Work, John. .... 5

Wallace, Gen. .... 5

Young, W. A. G. .... 10

Total. .... \$110,00

Balance, \$915.62

Received, \$110,00

LIST OF DONATIONS BY AND FOR LATE INMATES.

Ship General Wyndham, for English. .... \$8 00

Kit-Kat Bruce, for Gifford. .... 20

do Parisot Royal, for Gifford. .... 34 00

do do do do C. J. Jay. .... 13

do do do do Now ski. .... 27 50

Janion Green & Roder, for Inmate. .... 35

R. Winter, late Inmate. .... 10

H. Brooks, late Inmate. .... 10

Geo. Reed, late Inmate. .... 20

Total. .... \$23,69

Balance, being liabilities in excess of available assets. .... 1,327.04

\$10,75

Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the Royal Hospital, Victoria, V. I., from the 1st of January to 31st December, 1865.

II. ASSETS.

(Exclusive of Buildings, Furniture, Bedding, &c.)

Cash in Treasurer's hands. .... \$123 26

Amount due by Female Aid Association. .... 173 09

Amount due by maintenance of sickly discharged patients. .... 120 00

Total. .... \$110,20

II. LIABILITIES.

(Being amounts due on the following accounts viz.)

Provision account. .... \$74 91

Water, do. .... 47 59

Fuel, do. .... 5 09

Medical, do. .... 213 88

Provisions, do. .... 132 70

Crusickshank Esq., proceeds of Sub-cription Ball. .... 15 00

Commissioners, the Rev. Dr. of Gifford. .... 23 10

Thomas Ward Esq., proceeds of Benefit at Theatre, per Mr. .... 150 00

Dr. Gifford, per Mr. .... 30 50

General of Female Infirmary, on account of Debt due. .... 25 00

General Subscriptions and Donations for ending 31st December 1864. .... 2,261 35

Total. .... \$3,872 25

HEADS OF RECEIPT.

To balance in Treasurer's hands on 1st January, 1864. .... \$ 979 60

To Cash received from the following, viz.

Government of Vancouver Island. .... 5,000 00

Mr. J. C. Gifford, for the Royal Hospital. .... 1,000 00

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